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Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., *March 11, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1 case of smallpox was sent to the pesthouse on the 6th instant, 1 on the 7th instant, and 7 on the 10th. The first case to occur in the jail in first week in February has been traced, but the introduction is yet unknown. All but 2 of the 18 positive cases have been found in jail or soon after release. All colored males. There was 1 death on the 8th instant (G. W.).

The figures for Mobile from February 5 to March 11 should be 18 cases and 1 death.

*Fifteen cases are reported at Rock Springs, Etowah County, and 400 cases at and near Haynesville, Lowndes County. Cases are also reported in Henry County and at Selma, Dallas County.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

MOBILE, ALA., *March 13, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report, in addition to my report of the 11th instant, that 3 cases of smallpox were discovered in the jail and 1 in the city on the 12th instant—3 colored and 1 white.

The Mobile figures to the 12th should be 22 cases and 1 death.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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*The Girls' Industrial School at Montevallo, Shelby County, with 370 scholars, was closed on the 3d instant, and the students sent to their homes in consequence of 1 case of smallpox occurring in a student. Another case, claimed to be a rash from indigestion, occurred.